ty Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant.

RSS using Talkatora Gardens

1687. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that R.S.S. is using the Talkatora Gardens in Delhi for its activities; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) According to available information the R.S.S. is not using the Talkatora Gardens in Delhi for its activities. However, the R.S.S. was allowed the use of the Talkatora Gardens by the New Delhi Municipal Council on the occasion in the recent past on payment of prescribed charges. This was in connection with a sports and physical competition which was due to be held on 22.6.1996. The competition could not be held due to heavy rains.

Compensation for the People affected by Hirakund DAM Project

1688. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of steps taken to give compensation and rehabilitation facilities to the affected people in the Hirakund Dam Project (Orissa) as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Extention of Sixth Schedule to the Hilly Areas of Manipur

1689. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a proposal from the Government of Manipur for the extension of Sixth Schedule in the hilly areas of the State:

(b) whether Government considered the proposal; and

(c) whether Government have an inten tion to extend the 73rd Constitution amendment to the scheduled hily areas also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) On 6.5.1995, the Chief Minister of manipur had suggested the setting up of a single Council for all the hill districts of Manipur. However, subsequently, i.e. on 23.5.1995, he suggested that four Autonomous District Councils and two Autonomous Regions should be constituted. He further suggested some amendments to the Sixth Schedule. It was also indicated that a detailed note was being prepared. It would be possible to examine the matter when the said note is received.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Production of Raw Jute

1690. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of raw jute in the country during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(b) the raw jute procurred by Jute Corporation of India Ltd. during these years; and

(c) the action plan of Government to enable Jute Corporation of India to max imise the procurement of Jute?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Production of raw jute.

(lakh bales of 180 kgs. each)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
73.5	82.7	79.5

(b) Raw jute procured by Jute Corporation of India. (in terms of 000 bales of 180 kg. each)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
7.1	Negligible	Nil

(c) Procurement for Jute is done only if prices fall below, Minimum Support Price (MSP), for which adequate finances are provided by the Government, as the need may be.

Atrocities on Dalit Women

1691. SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dalit women was subjected to atrocities by youth and humiliated in village Balarpur, district Bhind (MP) on May 14, 1996, as reported in the Indian Express on May 22, 1996;

(b) if so, whether this was not an isolated case of humiliation and atrocities on the harijans and dalits in villages of States like M.P., U.P., Bihar and Rajasthan with massive tribal population, if so, the number and details of indicates of such atrocities on dalit in each of these States, during 1994, 1995 and 1996 so far; and

(c) the effective steps have been and are being taken to prevent such atrocities and to ensure peaceful and respectable life to the depressed classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Talks with Ultras

1692. SHRI RAM NATH KOV1ND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are prepared for talks with ultras of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any initiatives have been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The Government of India believes in solution of problems through talks and negotiations to bring about peace, stability and development. The Government of India is prepared for talks with any group which is willing to work within the framework of the Constitution of India and abjure violence. The Government of India categorically rejects violence as a means of achieving any objective.

No talks have been initiated with the ultras of the North-Eastern region, as they have not, as of now, indicated their willingness for talks within he above parameters and are continuing with violence.

In Jamamu & Kashmir, it is encouraging to note that a large number of persons who were formerly involved in militancy are'now moving away from it. Some of them have also set up new groups and arc anxious to participate in the political and democratic process. Some such persons and groups like the Forum for Permanent Resolution of J. & K. Problem, Awami League, etc. have been in contact and dialogue with the Government. The discussions have, inter